

THE Democratic State Executive Committee met at Excelsior Springs last Saturday, and reorganized. A call was issued for a State Convention to select delegates to the National Convention, and that it be held at Sedalia, Tuesday, April 15th. The meeting was harmonious—in other words, Democratic—and from now all the contention ought to be against the common enemy.

Gruesome, but Useful.

Since there is "no way of judging the future but by the past," and a forecast of the future being helpful to the present, it is worth while to consider such condensations of the history of crime in the United States in 1895 as are given in the Chicago Tribune's tabulation of capital offenses. It appears that the year was, in the aggregate of tragedies, fully up to the average, making due allowance for the increase of population. This is the way the report compares with the story of previous years, back to and including 1890:

	Murders, Suicides, Lynchings.
1895	10,500 5,759 171
1894	9,800 4,912 190
1893	6,615 4,436 290
1892	6,794 3,860 235
1891	5,906 3,331 192
1890	4,290 2,040 127

It will be observed, and doubtless with much satisfaction, that lynchings have been on the decrease for three years; but it must be conceded that there is still room for improvement in this regard. The Tribune is authority for the statement that 144 of these homicides, not justified by law, occurred in the South, which leaves twenty-seven to be credited to the rest of the country. The peculiar conditions to which this disparity is due are well understood. It appears that no less than 32 of the 144 were white. There is reason to believe that the current year will show a still more marked decrease in lynchings, and this belief rests on the expectation that the courts and other agencies of justice are getting in better condition in response to the demands of public sentiment.

The number of legal executions is set down by the Tribune at 132, which is quite insignificant when contrasted with that paper's aggregate of 10,500 murders. But it should be borne in mind that all homicides are included in the "murders" column, while, as a matter of fact, a great majority of them do not belong there. We have no doubt that thousands of these "murders" were lawful acts. But the number of killings is quite too large, and the disparity between it and the total of 132 legal executions is far too great. The courts are doing more and better work than they did a few years ago, but they are still far below the ideal standard of efficiency. What is needed is to make a practical reality of the theory that the members of the bar are officers of the courts, whose duty is to aid the judges in promoting—not in preventing—the administration of justice.

The most melancholy phase of these statistics is the startling increase of suicides. The Tribune shows that about one in every four of these is a woman. Physicians lead all other professions in adopting the means of exit from life. There were fifty-nine of them who departed in that way in 1895, against 45 in 1894. Poison is shown to be growing in favor as the means of self-murder.

There is capital enough in these gruesome figures to keep the pessimists busy till the record for 1896 comes to hand. But when it is remembered that we have a population of seventy millions, including aliens from every country on earth; that we are building new States and new cities; that the social structure in a great section of the Union was overturned less than a generation ago, it is not difficult to explain the prevalence of tragedies. If it were possible to tabulate the acts of heroism, the great deeds of charity and benevolence, and the other facts and incidents that would present the bright side of the picture of social life, it would show that this country is not going to ruin through the prevalence of crime, but is making its way upward while pushing onward with resistless force.—Washington Post.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by all dealers.

Personal.

Captain Byers was in the city last week. T. R. Terry, of Goodland, was in town Tuesday. Mrs. Lottie Talbott spent Sunday in the Valley. Mrs. H. R. Dausman and Miss Grace Leddy of Central, Mo., St. Louis county, returned home Saturday, after spending several days in the Valley. Jake Lopez has returned from the city. Miss Mary Myers returned home Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends in Farmington.

From Edge Hill.

ON THE WING  
Ed. Register—Your writer having secured a school in Iron county at the Bell School House, in district 1, township 34, range 1 east, and after trying all honorable and fair means to get the Commissioner to indorse a second grade from Reynolds, and he would not, on Tuesday, January 14th, at 12 A. M., we mounted our best steed and wended our way to Bellevue, arriving there about 5 P. M. We enjoyed the hospitality of D. H. Hartman, who the next morning drove us down to Ironton, arriving there at 10 A. M. We visited several places on business. Then secured our Treasurer's receipt, and after eating a good warm dinner at Mr. Blum's we strolled along until we found ourselves calling for a ticket to Annapolis. Once seated behind the great iron horse, we were enjoying ourselves reading the latest news about the war, when we were startled by the cry, "Annapolis!" We then made our way to the school house and met Mr. Hickman, the man we had heard so much about, but had never met. We visited the school for over an hour, and we must say right here Mr. H. seems to be up to date in his profession and the pupils were all doing good work. The Prof. informed us he had a vacation of six weeks on account of "diphtheria." When school closed we next found ourselves at Mr. Hickman's residence, but no pleasure for awhile. We then commenced the work for the desired prize, working until about 10 P. M. Then retired for a night's repose in the new hotel, which will be a fine building when completed. Next morning we began our work very early, in order to get through in time for the train going north. At 12 o'clock I had finished and after engaging a good warm dinner, prepared by the hands of the Professor's wife, I just had time to get to the depot and secure my ticket, my point this time being Iron Mountain. Thence I was driven to Bellevue by Mr. Fitzpatrick, the jovial mail carrier on that route.

After enjoying the kind, generous hospitality of Rev. J. W. Turner and wife and Mr. Aubin Edmonds and wife, all of whom know how to make one enjoy this life, I started for the district to seal on the school I had engaged. I was again made to feel thankful—this time to Squire Luthy and wife. After dinner I made my way home, via Edge Hill, arriving at home about 5 P. M. Friday.

The district spoken of is the one that had the misfortune to have its house burned last year. They have a beautiful frame building under headway, which will be a great improvement over the old log cabin, but will not be completed for a month. While at Bellevue we spent an hour very pleasantly with Rev. R. E. Atkinson, the successful teacher at Bellevue. This is Mr. A.'s second term, and he is giving good satisfaction.

Rev. J. W. Turner has opened a High School at that place. The attendance is not large yet, but promises to be better. There was a box supper given by this school Tuesday night, the proceeds to be used to repair the hall so it would do for school purposes. They realized about \$10 from the supper. The good people of Bellevue are always ready to help push any good enterprise.

Before leaving the Commissioner we left an article for the Educational Column, with promise for another in the near future.

We noticed on our trip another decided improvement: a new church house is being erected on Reed Creek, three miles west of Bellevue. Mr. Thompson has his new roller flour mill nearly completed, which promises to be the best in the country. Bellevue seems to be improving.

As this is getting long I will close, and if this does not go to your waste basket may come again soon. Jan. 23, 1896. REPORTER No. 1.

Notice to Taxpayers.

It is but a few weeks until I will have to settle for the current taxes of 1895. Many have yet to pay their taxes. The County Court has already intimated that they will not accept a delinquent list until I have ascertained if personal property cannot be found out of which to make the revenue. Section 7008 of the Revenue Law reads as follows: "The Collectors shall diligently endeavor and use all lawful means to collect all taxes which they are required to collect in their respective counties, and to that end they shall have power to seize and sell the goods and chattels of the person liable for the taxes \* \* \* And no property whatever shall be exempt from seizure and sale for taxes \* \* \* The Collector shall not receive credit for delinquent taxes until he shall have made affidavit that he has been unable to find property out of which to pay the taxes. Now therefore, as the time is short don't delay this matter, but call at my office and settle for the year 1895. It is not my pleasure to have to call on the people, or seize their property for taxes, and it is not their interest to permit it to be done if possible to avoid it. Yours Respectfully, WALTER H. FISHER, Collector Iron Co.

Imboden School.

The Imboden school closed Dec. 13, 1895, after five months of prolonged effort by both teacher and pupils, to make it both interesting and beneficial. From the first day there seemed to be great interest taken by all the pupils.

It seemed that each had some point in view and all were striving with all their might to reach it. The teacher wishes to state that he never before saw such small scholars so deeply interested in their studies. Evidently such a school as this is easily controlled. I did all in my power to point out

the many things which form links in the golden chain of education. At the beginning of the school there was a prize offered to the pupil who would make the best grade in deportment. Master Edgar Ragin was awarded this prize. Edgar was present every day; was never tardy, and was always ready when his class was called. There were three other prizes awarded: The first to Master Dallas McNail; second to Mr. Mashal Wright; and the third to Miss Maud Haven. I trust that the patrons of the Imboden school are well pleased; and that they may have a good school next term. Very Respectfully, L. O. WARREN.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Mrs. P. R. Crisp, Druggist.

Thoughts Inspired by the Death of W. A. Nelson.

BY F. P. HILBURN.  
On, on, with busy commerce!  
Stop not the iron wheel!  
Let fly the ponderous engine  
On endless bands of steel!  
No thought of human victims,  
Nor thought of mortal pain!  
Loud sound the screeching whistle,  
On speed the flying train!  
Though here and there a victim  
To heartless, cruel greed  
Is crushed and mangled 'neath the wheel—  
Haste! Nor slacken speed.  
Give but to weeping mothers  
Or wives a passing thought,  
Nor more to the mangled victims  
Of this cruel juggernaut!  
Be strong, nor let your conscience  
Lead you into sin's domain!  
To advocate appliances  
For saving human life.  
Don't hamper noble commerce  
By anything that tends  
To the limiting of powers  
Or shortening dividends!  
Of gigantic corporations,  
Though soulless they may be,  
They should to crush the human form—  
For commerce sake be free!  
But not the worst of human ills  
Is a mangled human form,  
And corporations' mighty power  
Can do a greater harm:  
To pen up wives and children  
In a filthy, dismal den,  
And turn to beasts of burden  
Noble-hearted men!  
To reduce to serfs and bondsmen  
Our country's pride and hope,  
To cause the freest sons of earth  
To wear the cruel yoke!  
To turn the dimpled hands of babes  
To manacles of steel,  
To hold the father's loving heart  
Beneath the tyrant's heel!  
By crushing noble manhood,  
By children's want of bread,  
By the fear of lost employment  
Hanging o'er their head!  
True it is that mangled bodies  
Under wheels that onward roll,  
Are preferable by far  
To a crushed and withered soul!  
Our hope is that the people  
Will throw off their cruel yoke,  
And down this dangerous power  
At one decided stroke.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, Bro. W. A. Nelson has passed beyond the vale of the shadow to that bourne from whence no traveler returns; and  
WHEREAS, in the death of Bro. Nelson we have lost a dear Brother, beloved by all during life; and  
WHEREAS, by our grief we are made to realize the more poignant grief of those bound to him by ties of consanguinity; therefore,  
Resolved, That by this tribute we at once give expression to our sorrow and sympathy.  
Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be furnished to the father of Bro. Nelson, and the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, and that they be spread upon the records of Granite Lodge, No. 422, I. O. O. F.

J. S. BENSON,  
J. A. HARRIS,  
F. P. HILBURN,  
Committee.  
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MISS BAIRD'S MUSIC ROOMS, ARCADIA AND IRLINGTON.

ARCADIA—At her residence.  
IRLINGTON—At Mrs. C. Kindell's, two doors south of Presbyterian Church.

Probate Docket

Iron County, Missouri, February Term A. D. 1896. Commencing Monday, February 10th, 1896:

Clarkson, G. W., minor, Mary E. Clarkson, guardian and curator.  
Clarkson, Thos. R., minor, Mary E. Clarkson, guardian and curator.  
Dinger, Franz, deceased, C. C. Dinger, Executor.  
Seitz, Anna Maria, minor, Lina Seitz, guardian.  
Sutton, Leonard, deceased, Marion Sutton, Administrator.  
Schawner, Frederick, deceased, Louis Schawner, Administrator.  
Thomas, Mathilda, deceased George Thomas, Executor.  
Thomson, Joseph H., deceased, Jos. Thompson, Executor.  
Townsend, Edward, minor, W. S. Wiatt, guardian and curator.  
Townsend, John A., minor, W. S. Wiatt, guardian and curator.  
Sandman, John, minor, Theodore Gherman, curator.  
Sandman, Lizzie, minor, Theodore Gherman, curator.  
Sandman, Minnie, minor, Theodore Gherman, curator.  
JOS. A. ZWART, Judge of Probate.  
Jan 23-30

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, Robert Hotson, and Martha L. Hotson, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the seventh day of May, 1881, and duly recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds for the County of Iron, State of Missouri, in Book "27" at page 109, did convey to Edwin May, trustee, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Iron, in the State of Missouri, to wit:  
All of the lot numbered four, and the north half of the lot numbered five, in Block numbered thirty-one, in the City of Ironton, as the same are laid down on the plat of said city on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for said county of Iron, with all the improvements thereon or hereafter may be placed thereon by said M. L. Hotson, her agents, representatives, heirs or assigns.  
Which conveyance was made and executed in trust to secure the payment of a certain note and the interest thereon, in said deed of trust described; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and interest, now past due;  
And, whereas, it is provided in said deed that in case of death of the trustee, or his refusal to act as such trustee, the acting sheriff of Iron county shall act as such trustee;  
And, whereas, said Edwin May is long since deceased;  
Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned trustee, will, on  
Thursday, February 20th, 1896, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and five o'clock P. M. of said day, at the Court House door in the City of Ironton, in the County of Iron, State of Missouri, sell the above described real estate and property, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said note and the cost of executing this trust.  
WM. T. O'NEAL, Sheriff and Trustee.  
Jan 23-30

Trustee's Sale.  
Whereas, Hattie O. Davis and Herman Davis, her husband, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 24 day of June, A. D. 1887, duly recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds for the County of Iron State of Missouri, in Book "211" at page 267, did convey to James Buford, trustee, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Iron, State of Missouri, to wit:  
All of lots one, two, three, four five, six, seven and eight, in Block sixteen, in the City of Ironton, in the County of Iron, State of Missouri—with all the buildings and improvements thereon;  
Which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note therein described; and whereas default has been made in the payment of said note and interest, now past due and unpaid;  
And, whereas, it is provided in said deed that in case of death of the trustee, or his refusal to act as such trustee, the acting sheriff of Iron county shall act as such trustee;  
And, whereas, said James Buford does so refuse to act as trustee;  
Now, therefore, at the request of the holder of said note, and in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned sheriff and trustee, will, on  
Saturday, the 8th day of February, 1896,  
at the east front door of the courthouse, in the City of Ironton, Iron county, Missouri, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. of that day, sell at public vendue the above described real estate, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said note and the costs and expenses of this trust.  
WILLIAM T. O'NEAL, Sheriff and Trustee.  
Jan 16-29



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